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Dear Parents/Carers,

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### **KS1 Home Learning**

We are writing to make you aware of our expectations for home learning in KS1. Throughout the KS1 curriculum, the key focus for all of the children is to develop their fluency as readers and to enable them to be confident and skilled mathematicians. Our home learning opportunities are developed to support the children and consolidate the learning they are completing in school.

### **Reading**

Over the course of the next week, all KS1 children will be bringing home their reading books to share with you at home and read every day. The children's reading books are carefully selected to match the learning which is taking place within their phonics group each day. These books are colour banded to match our RWI (Read Write Inc) framework. All children have been issued with a school planner so reading can be recorded at home. We expect children to read each book three times as this is a crucial part of developing the children's fluency and automaticity in reading.

Read number 1 - Children should read the book with an adult modelling decoding of sounds and expression.

Read number 2 -

Read number 3 - Children should be reading the book with fluency and expression.

At High Ash School, and in line with the new national reading framework, we have taken away levelled books throughout the school. Once the children have finished the RWI scheme and are considered fluent readers, they will be bringing home a free reader book to enjoy. The book brought home might be easier, or more challenging, but our major push is on promoting the children's love for reading. Your child's class teacher will be monitoring the children's book selections to help them make considered choices. There will be a further parental information session on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and 6pm held by Mrs Barrasford, Phonics lead, to fully explain how reading at home will work in KS1. If you are unable to make this meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Barrasford who will happily explain the changes to reading with you.

### **Numbots**

Over the course of the next week, the children will also be given a login to the Numbots (Year 1) and Times Tables Rockstars (Year 2) website.

<https://numbots.com/>

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In Year 1, we expect the children to be accessing the Numbots website, which is an interactive opportunity for the children to develop their mathematical fluency and number skills.

In Year 2, we expect the children to be accessing the Times Tables Rockstars website, which is a fantastic place to begin to practise the children's knowledge of their times tables.

As a school, we are able to see how well the children are achieving on this and it will help to consolidate the number work taking place in class. The login for Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars are the same.

### **Spelling**

Every Friday, all children will receive their weekly spelling list to practise at home. This will begin this week on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. In Year 1, the children will be working through their High Frequency Words and in Year 2 these will focus on the Common Exception Words for KS1. The children will come home with spelling books which will say the spellings of the week. There will also be space for the children to practise spelling these words within a sentence. The children will then be tested on these each week and a score will be sent home to you. We are trialling this slightly different approach over the next few to see the impact. Any feedback is always welcome.

### **Weekly Home Learning**

Currently, we are looking at how we can make improvements to the weekly home learning that has previously taken place. We want the home learning to be exciting, engaging and fun for the children and we have lots of exciting plans in the pipeline. This week, no home learning will be sent home whilst new plans are put in place...watch this space!!

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or your child's class teacher.

Miss K Webb  
KS1 Phase Lead